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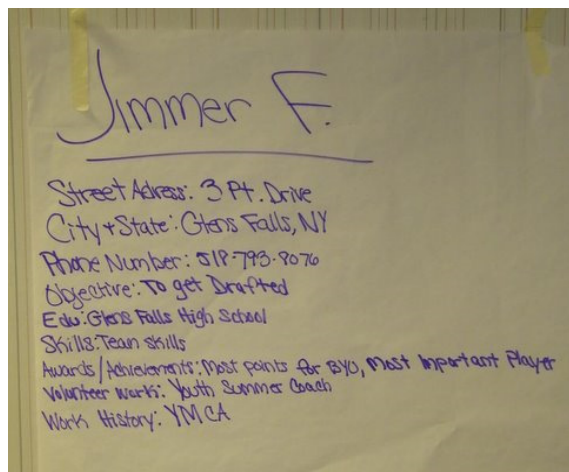
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of the Saratoga, Warren, Washington Workforce Investment
Board (WIB) and its Emerging Worker Council*

AN OVERVIEW

This year we were fortunate to know in advance that there was going to be a summer youth employment program with funding from New York State.

Forty-two youth in Warren County began the summer youth employment program. They were placed at 28 different worksites throughout the county.

The summer began with orientations, which along with doing paperwork and going over policies, included researching career possibilities on CareerZone, learning to work in teams, presentation skills, budgeting, following directions, learning what “not to wear,” and creating character resumes (including below - Jimmer Fredette’s resume in the eyes of SYEP youth).



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Collage of photos taken at
SYEP 2011 job sites

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*Celebrate endings - for they precede new beginnings.
Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

Give a hand to our



2011 SYEP WORKSITES

Adirondack Tri-County Nursing Home
American Cancer Society
Chester-Horicon Youth Commission
Chestertown Public Library
Chestertown Recycling Center
Glens Falls Family YMCA
Maintenance
Recreation Program
Hadley/Luzerne Central School District Office
The Hyde Museum
Johnsburg Town DPW
Lake George Town
Town Office
Usher's Park
North Warren Chamber of Commerce
North Warren School Maintenance

Queensbury Town Office
Richards Library, Warrensburg
SPCA of Upstate New York
SUNY ACC Maintenance
The Salvation Army
Thurman Town DPW
Warren County Employment & Training
Operation Food Chain
Warren County Head Start
Warren County Office of the Aging
Cedars Mealsite, Queensbury
Glens Falls Mealsite, Glens Falls
Johnsburg Mealsite, North Creek
Lake Luzerne Mealsite, Lake Luzerne
Warrensburg Mealsite, Warrensburg
Warren/Washington Community Action Agency
World Awareness Children's Museum

2011 PROJECT

Operation Food Chain 2011

(This collaboration includes: Warren County Employment & Training, WSWHE BOCES, Warren/Hamilton Community Action Agency, Glens Falls City Parks & Recreation, and NYS Department of Education)

It began as a 10 person team and a goal of creating lunches to feed children in the local parks.

During the school year children often qualify for a free or reduced lunch within the school day. During the summer months many of these same children do not have the opportunity to get lunch. This is where Operation Food Chain steps in.

On July 1, 2011, ten people from ages 14-19 got together to develop a catering operation that would feed 75-100 children a day in the two local parks. Their mission was to develop a menu, purchase the necessary food, and create lunches to serve children at two area parks in Glens Falls. With the help of Chef Charles Jones, this would become a reality.

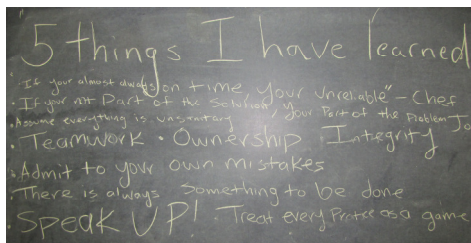
The summer of 2011 was met with many challenges. The team had to learn what it was like to work in a professional kitchen, and what it took to actually create and serve over 2224 lunches over the 28-day period. In addition the team needed to understand the concept of marketing, purchasing, inventory control, and were responsible for a \$3,316 budget that funded the project.

During the summer of 2011, the Operation Food Chain team successfully prepared and served over 1786 lunches under budget. The team prepared and served more than 223 pounds of protein, 500 pounds of fresh salads, and 111 gallons of milk to children at Montcalm Street and East Field Parks.

Six out of the original ten members completed the project, and those that did finish the summer felt a pride of knowing they met their goals, survived their first real job, and are better prepared for their next job, wherever it may be.



OFC Crew



YOUTH PROGRAMS UPDATE



Students from 2011 with instructor Dale Hager and counselor Noreene Tarantino

Youth Connection\$

The youth program's emphasis is on serving those who are out of school and are in need of academic and employment-related skills. During 2011 youth received instruction to test for their high school equivalency diplomas. Classes were conducted through WSWHE BOCES Adult Education Program at their Glens Falls location, under the instruction of Dale Hager. Employment & Training staff works with county and youth-serving agencies to assist program youth with advocacy, support services, and other needs to assist in improving the opportunities for the youth.

Gone Too Soon

This is without a doubt the most difficult article ever written for our youth newsletter. In a tragic accident July 13, 2011, Clarissa Porlier lost her life. She was a member of our Operation Food Chain crew in 2009 and 2010. Chef Charles Jones said it best at her services: *"When asked how to describe her I would always say that Claire was a shining star. Little did I know that she was in fact a shooting star. A shooting star is so rare to chance an encounter. For those lucky enough to see one, it is a magnificent sight if only for a brief moment, but its memory stays with you forever. It is so bright against the vast dark sky. And then as quickly as you understood what you were seeing, it is gone."* We will never know what could have been; but what we do know is that "Claire" had a positive and everlasting impact on everyone who knew her.



Chef Jones, Clarissa Porlier, with her trophy, and Sharon Sano at the award ceremony in August 2010.



HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Four youth from the Warren County program went on to post-secondary schools at: Culinary Institute of America, SUNY ACC, WSWHE BOCES (Auto Tech Program), and Zion College
- ▶ Collaboration with Operation Food Chain, Glens Falls Kiwanis, and South Adirondack BOCES Key Club resulted in school-aged children from the Glens Falls City Recreation program receiving supplies to begin their new school year
- ▶ Over 7,000 hours of work was completed by youth on the 2011 summer program for Warren County work sites
- ▶ Over the course of the calendar year from January 2011 through December 2011, program youth obtained the following credentials: 2 TIPS Certificates, 11 ServSafe Certifications, 3 High School Diplomas, and 7 High School Equivalency Diplomas
- ▶ Congratulations to Shirley Roach on her golden achievement – retiring from Queensbury Middle School after a half century on the job. She was a great resource for youth and for our staff when recruiting for the summer youth employment program.
- ▶ Congratulations to our very own Carol Rayder. After 15 years with Warren County Employment & Training, Carol is traveling on to a new chapter in her life. Although Carol primarily worked with the adults through the Career Center and the One Stop Center, she willingly stepped up to the plate when the need arose for help with the Summer Youth Employment Program. She was a great resource for all employment-related issues and very instrumental in helping develop resumes for our youth. She was an asset to her colleagues and hundreds of job seekers, and we wish her well in her new endeavors.

AWARD CEREMONY



Shay Mason reading a congratulatory letter to the youth from Congressman Chris Gibson of the 20th Congressional District

In spite of the gloomy weather forecast, our ceremony was held on a dry, almost sunny day on August 16, 2011. The breakthrough of the sun matched the smiles of the 88% of the youth who completed the 2011 Warren County Summer Youth Employment Program.

We were honored to have Congressman Chris Gibson send Shay Mason as his representative to read a letter to the youth from the Congressman. Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, a strong supporter of the summer youth program, addressed the crowd and congratulated the youth on their success.

Our guest speaker, Warren County District Attorney Kate Hogan, has a long list of accomplishments and accolades. A district attorney is defined as “the people’s lawyer. Kate is not only the people of Warren County’s lawyer, but she’s also a people person, youth advocate, and an engaging speaker. Kate spoke to the youth about social media and how one mistake can, and has, ruined a career. She told the youth that they need to be very careful how they present themselves online. She explained that in this difficult economy, employers will look them up on Google and one internet mistake could last forever.

Helping us celebrate the success of this year’s youth along with family and friends were: Warren County One Stop Center: Employment & Training staff, Chris Hunsinger, Director and Annie McMahon, Account Manager; and NYS DOL staff Shari Venable, Katelyn Graham, Matt Dennin, and Tony Ruggerio; WSWHE BOCES: Dale Hager, GED Instructor; Warren Co. Probation Dept: Alice Bruhns, John Clynes, and Amy Secor; Warren Co. Preventive Services: Maureen Schmidt, Kyle Depew, Tracy Terry, and Rachael Johnson; Warren Co. Department of Social Services: Acting Commissioner Suzanne Wheeler, and Fiscal Manager Julie Montero; City Court Judge Richard Tarantino; Warren County Board of Supervisors: Joan Sady, clerk of the board and JoAnn McKinstry, assistant to the administrator, members of the Board of Supervisors Dave Strainer, Bud Taylor, Frank McCoy; Ralph Bentley, and Dan Girard; Saratoga/Warren/Washington Workforce Investment Board: Marti Burnley, Hudson Headwaters, and Anne Luby, Capital District Representative; Warren County Youth Bureau Director, Margaret Sing-Smith; Warren Co. Office for the Aging, Debbie Coalts; Town of Chester Parks & Recreation Department, John West; and Warren County Sheriff, Bud York.

It takes a number of dedicated, hard-working people to make this program work as well as it does. All those who supervised the youth this summer received certificates of appreciation. Certificates and awards were presented to the youth by Noreene Tarantino and Sharon Sano. All youth who completed the program received certificates, 20 received pins for *achievement*; 11 for *perfect attendance*; and 19 for *excellence*. This year the 4 youth who received *Outstanding Employee* trophies were: Michaela Gudwer, Ashley Shepard, Natasha Wells, and Katie Williams.



Picnic Attendees at 2011 Award Ceremony



Assemblywoman
Teresa Sayward



Warren County District
Attorney Kate Hogan



Audrey Jean Shaw, Michaela Gudwer,
Noreene Tarantino, Keith Davidson

SUMMER PROGRAM NUMBERS

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM NUMBERS IN WARREN COUNTY FROM 1991 - 2011

	'91	'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11
JTPA/ WIA	145	199	213	149	119	113	128	131	157	44	33	35	42	39	7	5	3	3	0	19	13
ARRA																			67	12	
TANF/ OGS										46	54	42	40	10	20	40	46	45	48	21	29
TOTAL	145	199	213	149	119	113	128	131	157	90	87	77	82	49	27	45	49	48	115	52	42